

## **MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS TASK FORCE**

### **MEETING SUMMARY FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2002 @ 12 NOON**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPLEX - 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR 1010 SECOND AVENUE**

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#### **Attendees:**

The following Task Force members were in attendance: Chair: Juliana Humphrey, Larry Chaidez, Dale Kelly-Bankhead, Jerry Meier, Michael Bartelmo, Dr. Pearce and Mike Barbee.

Staff: Ed Plank, Lisa Foster, Elmer Heap, Staa Heshimu and Lt. Cesar Solis.

Summary from October 18, 2002, approved with no changes.

#### **Fund-raising Subcommittee**

Alliance Healthcare has turned down the Task Force request for funds for verification cards. A sub-committee meeting was held on strategies to raise funds for the initial seed money. Two fold approach, one to approach foundations and two, develop a tri-fold pamphlet to solicit individual contributions. Tax exemption might encourage donations and non-profit could serve as umbrella organization via a restricted account. Meeting held with Center for Social Services regarding setting up an account. Center has indicated willingness to explore. Human Dignity Foundation is another alternative, they already have a donor directed fund, so structure is in place. Materials need to be put together, along with the Human Dignity Foundation letter. Jerry and Ann will be working on the tri-fold pamphlets.

It was noted that a legal document or agreement would be needed. Jerry indicated there would not be an administrative cost incurred to use the donor directed fund. Agreement between City and non-profit should include statement that funds not be spent without authorization by Task Force action. Motion to have City Attorney develop an agreement, approved without opposition.

#### **RFP Update**

Jerry received some feedback on the RFP, stating it was too vague. Cover memo will address expectations, but RFP will also need to have the scope revised to be very clear and to incorporate the need to have records check performed given the PS&NS committee revisions to exclude certain individuals from receiving caregiver status based on criminal history. The costs and procedures to achieve this must be researched and requirements will have to be made clear in the next RFP. Attorney staff to check with Personnel to see if background check could be coordinated with the process used within the City. Cesar Solis will look in to Police Dept process to determine if it could be utilized. Dale suggested having the applicant obtain the

clearance. Cesar will see if this could be done by PD. Checks normally take 1 to 2 weeks.

### **Discussion of PS&NS Action**

Ed clarified that the approved (final) committee actions were consistent with the draft which was passed out at last MMTF meeting. Discussion ensued over concern over smoking language and the intent of the committee's training request. Dale concerned that training requests could impact RFP, would written materials be sufficient, or was more needed. Mike Barbee to draft important caregiver points to be reinforced through training. Concern noted that requiring training in RFP would reduce pool of potential respondents. Ed to speak with Steve Russell to clarify committee expectations for training and instruction, discuss if provision of written material on guidelines and code of conduct will be sufficient.

Chair expressed concern that docket date before the City Council has not been set.

### **New Business**

Juliana noted this was Dr. Pearce's last meeting, she expressed the Task Force's thanks and wished him well.

Comments made regarding design and accessibility of City Website on the Task Force.

### **Public Comment**

Mike Barbee introduced Marco Capatto, an Italian parliamentary candidate.

A suggestion to allow appeals process for those denied caregiver cards.

Concern over use of public funds in contradiction with Council direction.